

Boston, Nov. 26, 1863.

Dear Johnson:

Your letter is just received. Wife and I, I am happy to say, accompany me to Philadelphia. We are very much obliged to Mrs. Savin and yourself for the hospitable invitation to us to spend Monday night at 90 East 12th Street; but our beloved niece, Anne Percy, 172 West 28th Street, will confidently expect us to pass the night with her, and so we shall go directly there from the 27th street depot on our arrival. Should it be convenient for you to pass the evening with us, we should be happy to see you and Mary Anne. We hope nothing will occur to prevent her going to Philadelphia. In all human probability, no such occasion will come round again.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Savin and her cousin have been ill.

I did not suppose that the Tribune would be able, even if willing, to find room for any extended report of our proceedings.

By the way, suppose you write an advertising notice of the Decade Commemoration, and have it inserted forthwith in the Tribune. Then let Gay or Smalley make an editorial reference to it. — Pay the bill, and Bowditch will settle with you.

I am sorry, and a little surprised, that the Independent has made no reference to our coming celebration. Of course, Theodore must have forgotten it in the multitude of his engagements.

Do you think Beecher will make any response to our invitation? I do not mean by being with us, but by letter. He has yet to treat the American Anti-Slavery Society fairly and magnanimously. Did you observe how very careful he was, in his English speeches, to ignore the name and services of George Thompson in our

behalf as a nation, in enumerating those who had specially befriended our Government on that side of the Atlantic? Yet how generous and active was the support of Henry Ward Beecher in England by George Thompson! Beecher does not go to the root of things, and was never made for a radical reformer; therefore he will not allow himself to be caught in a really unpopular position, or praising, "without an if or a but," those who are still odious, or less respectable, for righteousness' sake. He has never yet known what it is to bear the cross of reform.

I have no programme whatever as to our meetings in Philadelphia. It must be determined upon there.

Hastily, but ever yours,
Wm Lloyd Garrison.

P.S. As the Hatchinsons cannot be with us, we shall probably have to give up the idea of music at our meetings.

13 I shall write to Dr. Abraham
L. Cox to ask for the loan of the
parchment Declaration of Sentiments
in his possession, to be read from
at Philadelphia; and request him
to send it to your office.

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